village money lenders by mortgaging their ration cards. The ration cards in most cases were with incomplete details.

BPL Families in Himachal Pradesh

2252. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the families living below poverty line have been identified in Himachal Pradesh for coverage under the Centrally sponsored schemes like Antodaya Anna Yojana etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any study has been conducted to find out their purchasing powers; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State Government of Himachal Pradesh has identified 79,000 families under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Additional storage capacity in Orissa

2253. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request has been received from Orissa for approval of construction of additional storage capacity under the 7 year guarantee scheme of FCI;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU):